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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SEEKING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR AMISOM

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(SBU) In a March 18 conversation with the MFA International Organization officers responsible for Security Council matters, Deputy PolCouns urged Vietnam to support the African Union Mission in Somalia to the upmost of Vietnam's capabilities. Per reftel, DPolCouns emphasized in particular that a public statement of support from Vietnam when the UNSC meets to discuss Somalia March 20 would be particularly welcome. MFA IO officer To Anh Tuan reiterated Vietnam's strong support for AMISOM and said that he would relay the substance of the demarche to his superiors in the MFA leadership and to his colleagues in New York.

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